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Liz and Nichole

Good morning. Just a couple of quick items.

First, Below is a link to a St. Louis Post Dispatch article on SB-2306, the transfer of the WL site to FUSRAP.

At the end of this message is a desk statement we have IF needed.

I've also included a copy of WL Update we sent out that is a "Year in Review" for 2015. It gives a rundown on significant progress we made last year and continue to make.

We have the third party neutral facilitators here in the region and soon they will be in St. Louis. As you know we rolled that out to the Congressional staff last Friday and key stakeholders. The facilitators have already made phone contact with a number of stakeholders. They'll be on the ground in St. Louis later this week/weekend engaging people one on one. Generally, while some skeptics there does seem to general agreement that this is a good approach.

Finally, we are working diligently on getting the order and work plan drafted to get the Barrier decision implemented.

Basically, we're full steam ahead on all of our work.

Let me know if you need or want any additional information.

Mark

#### Desk Statement Regarding Passage of Bill Authorizing Transfer of West Lake Site to USACE

EPA is aware the Senate recently took the first step in a lengthy process to authorize the transfer of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site from EPA jurisdiction to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Until the bill passes the House and is signed into law by the President, EPA retains its responsibility as the lead federal agency at the site and will work diligently to protect the public from the wastes contained at the West Lake Landfill. EPA remains focused on overseeing work related to the proposed isolation barrier and continues to work toward a final remedy proposal by the end of 2016.

EPA is making good progress at the Superfund Site. We have an enforceable work schedule with the parties that requires the submission of evaluations necessary for EPA to propose a final remedy for public comment by the end of 2016. In addition, at the end of December 2015, EPA announced a decision to require the potentially responsible parties to build an isolation barrier to separate radioactive material from an underground smoldering event in an adjacent landfill. The decision calls for the installation of additional engineering controls, such as cooling loops, cover, and additional monitoring to prevent potential impacts that could result if an underground smoldering event were to come into contact with the radioactive materials contained in the West Lake Landfill. Also in December 2015, EPA announced an enforceable removal action to develop and implement surface fire prevention measures at the West Lake Landfill Site. The order requires extensive prevention plans including placing material over all exposed areas where radioactive material is currently known to be at or near the surface. Field work on surface fire prevention measures is expected to begin soon and be completed by the end of this spring.

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